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PROCESS FOR PREPARING ORTHO SUBSTITUTED PHENYLAMINES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process is disclosed for preparing ortho substituted phenylamines comprising contacting phenylhydroxylamine, optionally substituted with at least one inert substituent, with
5 a nucleophilic reagent in the presence of a manganese oxide at a temperature between about 10° C and about 170° C and a pressure from subatmospheric to superatmospheric such that an ortho substituted phenylamine, optionally correspondingly substituted with at least one inert substituent, is predominantly formed.